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### IDAHO AND WASHINGTON HOG INVENTORY DOWN 5 PERCENT

Idaho and Washington combined hog inventory on December 1, 2011 was 58,000 head, down 5 percent from the previous December 1 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Idaho and Washington hog inventory was combined to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. Breeding hog inventory for Idaho and Washington combined, at 11,000 head, is down 1,000 head from last year. Market hogs decreased 2,000 head to 47,000 head for Idaho and Washington combined. An estimated 17,200 sows farrowed during the past year with an average litter size of 8.79 pigs. The total pig crop of 151,200 head was down 6 percent from the previous year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2011 was 65.9 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2011. Breeding inventory, at 5.80 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter. The September-November 2011 pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2010. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, up slightly from 2010. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.02 for the September-November period, compared to 9.89 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

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